

**CITY OF SAN JOSE**  
**2006-2007 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET**  

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**OPERATING BUDGET GUIDE**

The Operating Budget document includes the **City Manager's Budget Message**, outlining major policy issues and changes to City programs, including the General Fund Balancing Strategy Detail, status of Mayor and City Council referrals, and status of City Auditor recommendations with funding impact. The **Community Profile** section includes basic City information and data, the roster of elected officials, as well as a listing of State and local legislative highlights. The **Budget Guide** section provides a flow chart of the City of San José's annual budget process, City organization charts by City Service Area and function, this operating budget guide, a glossary of terms, and fund descriptions. **Summary Information** of expected revenues and expenditures is then presented, along with comparative five-year **History and Trend** information of revenues, expenditures, and staffing. The **Budget Policies and Practices** section includes budgeting policies, significant accounting practices, and information regarding debt service obligations. The **General Fund Revenue Estimates** section contains assumptions used in budget development as well as descriptions of major General Fund revenue sources. The remaining Operating Budget document is organized by the following sections as discussed below.

**City Service Areas** (CSAs) align services provided in individual departments into the City's six key lines of business as viewed from the community's perspective. A collection of core services from various partner departments, CSAs show the results of the collaboration among the departments at a higher organizational level:

- Community and Economic Development
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Transportation and Aviation Services
- Strategic Support

Strategic Support represents functions that provide organization-wide guidance and support to enable the delivery of the City's direct services.

As an introduction to the CSA section, an **Overview** of the CSA concept, structure, and role in strategic planning and cross-departmental management of service delivery is included. Also, **City Service Area Budget and Position Summary** charts, including information regarding total operations and staffing, and a **City Service Area/Core Service Map** are provided.

**CSA Section**

Individual sections on each of the six CSAs follow. Each individual CSA section contains a brief synopsis including a **Mission Statement**, a **Budget at a Glance** chart, information regarding **Budget and Performance Highlights** for the next year, a chart dividing the CSA's **Total Operations by Core Service** (or **Total Operations by Outcome** for the Strategic Support CSA), and a detailed **City Service Area Budget Summary**.

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**CSA Section (Cont'd.)**

The CSA synopsis is followed by a **Five-Year Business Plan** that includes highlights of the CSA's current position, selected community indicators, trends/issues/opportunities, policy framework, general plan alignment, and strategic goals and objectives. The CSA **Two-Year Investment Strategy** section is next and contains an overview and information regarding key investments and objectives for the first two years of the business plan. The **Performance by Outcome** section provides information regarding current and planned performance by CSA outcome (the "ends" toward which the plans, efforts, and resources of the CSA are directed). A chart outlining five-year strategic goals/objectives and associated performance measures and targets is included for each outcome. The **Investment Changes** section provides a listing of investments to achieve CSA outcomes.

**CSA Core Services Section**

The individual CSA section is then presented by **Core Service** (major lines of businesses conducted by departments and delivered to customers). Core services were developed during 1999-2000 by engaging departmental staff at all levels, as well as the public, in discussion of the departments' major services and mission. The results of those discussions were reviewed by the City Council and used to align departmental services with related performance and resources for budgeting and management decision-making. Each core service section within a CSA section begins with a **Service Delivery Framework** to explain the linkage between the CSA, CSA outcomes, and core services.

The **Core Service Purpose** is a brief statement of why the core service exists, such as "Provide programs and services through community education and partnerships to reduce criminal activity and enhance public safety" (Crime Prevention and Community Education). The statement unifies the various operational services provided and activities performed in this case by the Police Department.

The **Performance and Resource Overview** section explains the performance results and expenditures for the current year, any changes for the next year, and the anticipated costs and results of the changes, if any. The narrative should answer the following questions:

- **What does the performance information show?** Reasons for variances between targets and actuals/estimates or further explanation of the target meanings and levels of service are included.
- **Why is performance at that level?** The narrative explains the reasons behind the numbers. Also, if a measure averages the response times or costs of several different operations, the explanation will detail which areas are driving the average up or down and why.
- **What is being done to address any identified performance issues?** The narrative will note any productivity efforts, technology or systems changes to be implemented towards this end.

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- **What will be the result of the investment changes?** The anticipated impacts of budget changes will be translated into the performance or activity targets for the next year. The budget changes should be related to performance at some level, even if the overall performance measures will not be affected. For example, if a budget increase is recommended and/or approved to maintain current service levels, the narrative should note that demand or workload is increasing and that without such an increase performance could deteriorate.
- **How will Core Service efforts contribute to relevant City Service Area Outcomes, Goals and Performance Targets as set forth in CSA Business Plans?** Where applicable, the connection should be made between Business Plan strategies and front-line service delivery.

Any other information that is of interest in the context of performance or resources also may be discussed in this section, including major issues faced by the core service in the next year.

The **Performance Summary** chart presents the measures and data to be used in evaluating core service results. Most core services will include performance measures that were developed to describe expected results in four key measurement areas:



Quality – How well is the service doing what it is intended to do?



Cost – What resources are used to achieve results?



Cycle Time – *Timeliness of service delivery.*



Customer Satisfaction – How customers view the City's service efforts.

Attempts were made to limit the total number of measures shown by combining similar types, such as Customer Satisfaction measures, for all operational services within the core service. If an operational service's performance needs to be discussed separately to explain the overall core service performance, this is described in the Performance and Resource Overview narrative.

Any performance measures that are new, revised or deleted from the prior year are highlighted in footnotes underneath the Performance Summary chart. The following footnote symbols delineate type of change, followed by a rationale and additional information where applicable: **+** New, **U** Revised, **X** Deleted.

The **Activity and Workload Highlights** section describes the scope and extent of the workload demand and the activities completed. For example, while the Performance Summary section focuses on percentages of workload accomplished successfully, the Activity and Workload Highlights section may provide a count of the total workload attempted/completed. As with performance measures, any activity and workload highlights that are new, revised or deleted from the prior year are highlighted in footnotes with the same footnote symbols as described above.

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The **Resource Summary** is the budget information section that displays all departmental operating funds that contribute to the performance of the core service. Costs and budget information for personal services and non-personal/equipment are illustrated for each core service provided. Additional resources from City-Wide Expenses, Special Funds and/or Capital Funds that also contribute to the performance of the core service and CSA are displayed elsewhere in the budget document. Authorized positions assigned to the core service, including full-time and part-time permanent positions, are also displayed.

The details of **Budget Changes by Core Service** are provided next. Included for each change is a description of what is to be added or deleted, the need for the change, the amount and nature of the funding involved, and performance results expected to occur when the action is implemented. The **Performance Results** are intended to describe, in quantitative terms wherever possible, the expected outcome if the change is approved. This information is characterized by one or more of the four key measurement areas: Quality, Cost, Cycle Time, and Customer Satisfaction. To illustrate the connection to the CSA Business Plans, the budget changes are grouped to show their contribution to the goals and outcomes of the various CSAs. Within each core service, budget changes will be grouped under the CSA outcome to which they contribute.

**Strategic Support**, the final segment in the CSA Core Services section, is an overview of the various leadership and support functions engaged in by each of the CSA's departments to deliver one of more of the core services. The Strategic Support information is organized similar to the overall Core Services section, however, performance measures are not generally reported for Strategic Support functions.

**CSA City-Wide Section**

The individual CSA sections end with **City-Wide** budget information for **City-Wide Expenses** and **General Fund Capital, Transfers and Reserves** that contribute to the CSA's total performance. An **Overview, Budget Summary, and Budget Changes by Program** are provided for each section.

**City Departments**

Next, the **City Departments** section, organized alphabetically, reflects technical budget information for each department. Each department section begins with a brief synopsis of the department, including the department's **Mission Statement**, listing of the **City Service Areas** supported by the department, and listing and description of the department's **Core Services**.

This synopsis is followed by a **Department Budget Summary**, which is a table that reflects funding by core service, category, and funding source for four separate points in time: 2004-2005 Actual Expenditures, 2005-2006 Adopted Budget, 2006-2007 Forecast (Base Budget), and the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget. Total Authorized Positions are also provided.

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Next, the **Budget Reconciliation** is presented, providing significant Base Budget adjustments (such as negotiated salary and benefit changes and contractual obligations) from the prior year's Adopted Budget and a listing of Investment/Budget Proposals included for 2006-2007.

The department section ends with a **Departmental Position Detail** that provides the authorized positions for the department and a one-year history of changes.

**City-Wide**

The next major section of the budget includes technical budget information. **City-Wide Expenses** are General Fund allocations that relate to more than one department or are not directly associated with ongoing departmental operations. These expenses are categorized to align to the CSAs to which they primarily contribute. **General Fund Capital, Transfers, and Reserves** includes budget information regarding capital contributions, transfers to other funds, earmarked reserves, and the contingency reserve. Both the City-Wide Expenses and General Fund Capital, Transfers, and Reserves sections include a **Mission Statement**, listing of **City Service Areas and Programs** supported by these allocations, **Budget Summary**, **Budget Reconciliation**, **Detail of Costs Description** (a listing of all allocations for each Program), and **Position Detail** (if applicable).

**Selected Special Funds Summaries**

The **Selected Special Funds Summaries** section provides budget summary information for certain special funds, including the Community Development Block Grant Fund, Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund, Integrated Waste Management Fund, Sewer Service and Use Charge Fund, Storm Sewer Operating Fund, and Transient Occupancy Tax Fund. These funds support activities in several CSAs and departments. Each summary provides the fund's **Mission Statement**, **Budget Summary**, **Budget Highlights**, a **Budget Byte** (a graph or chart that communicates key information for the fund such as growth in demand, progress toward multi-year goals, or benchmarking comparisons), a **Fund Overview** (an overview of the fund's status and performance and service delivery issues for the upcoming year), a **Fund Summary** (detail on the major areas of each fund's sources and uses), **Budget Category Overview** (providing a high-level description of the budget category), and **Budget Category Summary** (a listing of allocations for the next year).

**Source and Use of Funds Statements**

The **Source and Use of Funds Statements** detail projected revenues, expenditures, and fund balances and are included for all budgeted special funds.

**Contingency Plan**

The **General Fund Contingency Plan**, or Tier 2 Plan, is a second level of budget reductions presented in this section. A contingency plan is developed when there is a significant amount of uncertainty associated with the underlying assumptions used in the development of the General Fund budget. This section includes an Overview, Proposal Summary, and Proposal Detail.